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Please find attached the Proposed Amendment for Application No. 10/786,941. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

- (Proposed) A machine-implemented method for executing a database statement, the method comprising the steps of:
 - a database server receiving a request to execute the database statement, wherein
 the request specificsincludes the database statement and a tag that does not
 conform to a database language of said database statement;
 - wherein said tag specifies at least one parameter field and at least one parameter value;

in response to receiving the request, said database server storing the tag;
said database server executing said database statement, wherein during execution
of said database statement said database server provides access to one or
more of the at least one parameter value through a tag access mechanism
provided by said database server.